



Texas Military Forces News

"Texans Defending Texas"

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Texas Military Forces will host a press conference regarding the upcoming deployment Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 from Noon to 12:15 p.m. at Camp Mabry in Austin.

Media wishing to attend the press conference are welcome to do so and must arrive no later than 11:30 a.m., to allow for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, by 10:00 a.m., with the State Public Affairs office at (o) 512-782-5620; email: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

Camp Mabry is accessed at the Maintenance Drive gate from 35th Street. Media will be required to show credentials at the gate.

Inquires should be submitted via email or the contact form available on our website: www.txmf.us.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas National Guard Engineers Prepare to Mobilize for West Africa

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 16, 2014) – A team of engineers with the Texas Army National Guard will mobilize in the spring of 2015 to West Africa in support of Operation United Assistance.

The company identified to provide support is the 272nd Engineer Company, 386th Engineer Battalion, from Angleton. The unit is aligned under the 176th Engineer Brigade, Texas Army National Guard.

“As the Defense Department’s most cost-effective force, the National Guard provides our country great versatility across the full spectrum of operations. The citizen-Soldiers representing Texas are experienced professionals and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the mission,” said Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols, The Adjutant General of Texas. “We are proud to serve our state and nation during this time of need and be a part of this larger effort.”

The 272nd Engineer Company is a vertical engineer company comprised of carpenters, electricians and plumbers and is skilled in building facilities and construction project management. While deployed, the engineers will build support structures for operational and medical needs in the region in support of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). These Texas-based Guardsmen will be part of a multi-state National Guard effort and will remain mobilized for no more than one year.

"The mission of these brave Texans is essential to controlling and containing the international threat to public health we face with Ebola," said Gov. Rick Perry. "Their efforts to help end this outbreak in West Africa will mean greater safety for all of us back at home, and we commend each of them for their courage and dedication to their fellow man."

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The mission of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Forces are commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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